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Missionaries Sail for Orient

Honored by civic and religious organizations on the Pacific coast and solemnly blessed with the benediction of the Church, the first contingent of Jesuits from the California province sailed from San Francisco on August 31 for their new mission and educational post in China, and were due to arrive at Shanghai on September 21.

Five in Mission Band

The little group, five in all, had received notification as early as last May of their assignment to mission work in the Orient, and in anticipation of their departure, had spent the summer making necessary preparations for what they considered would be a life-long evangelization task among the Chinese. Included in this first foreign mission band of California Jesuits are Father Pius L. Moore, formerly president of St. Ignatius university in San Francisco, and for the past two years student advisor at Gonzaga university, Spokane; Father John A. Lennon, former dean of studies at Santa Clara university, and three scholastics, Mr. Charles Simons, Mr. Thomas L. Phillips, and Mr. Cornelius E. Lynch. Mr. Simons taught at Seattle college last year and at Gonzaga the year preceding. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Lynch completed their philosophical studies at Mount St. Michael's last June.

Given Missionary Crosses

The final send off was sponsored by St. Ignatius university with a reception in the new auditorium, following religious services and the presentation of the crucifixes to the departing missionaries in St. Ignatius church on the evening of August 30, before a crowd that jammed the huge edifice to the doors.

All the members of the community in surplice marched from the faculty building to the church, down the center aisle and into the sanctuary, where special prie-dieus had been prepared for the guests of honor. In the absence of Archbishop Hanna, who was attending the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, Australia, the bishop of Panama officiated at the Solemn Benediction. He was assisted by Rev. Father Provincial, who presented the crucifixes, and by Rev. Father Edward J. Whelan, president of St. Ignatius.

Begs Blessings for Work

"To our departing missionaries," said Father Whelan in his sermon during the services, "who go forth unto pagan lands we beg a blessing and Godspeed on them and on their work. They leave home and all that we hold dear in this life, but their reward will be souls for Christ and life everlasting. 'They that instruct many unto justice shall shine like stars for all eternity.' "

In response to an appeal from

Father Moore, who spoke at all the Masses at St. Ignatius' on the preceding Sunday in behalf of the Chinese mission work, the substantial sum of $1050 was collected for the new post to be opened by this province in the Shanghai field.

Welcome at Honolulu

Letters received at Mount St. Michael's from the missionaries after their arrival at Honolulu speak of the warm reception tendered them by the Chinese Catholic club of that city. Their voyage thus far had been extremely pleasant. On board the same ship was a group of Protestant missionaries also bound for mission work in China. The "President Lincoln," on which our men sailed, was scheduled to arrive at the Shanghai port on September 21.

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El Retiro

New Shrine Erected

Mr. Victor Hancock has made possible the erection of a shrine of Our Immaculate Mother, and our "Lourdes of Los Altos" is under construction. The site selected is to the right of the starting of the station road where large rocks, fresh hewn from the quarries, will be built up in close imitation of Massabielle. Bernadette will kneel in prayer near her fountain, and Our Lady will look down on her from a niche in the cliff. The statues will come from Italy and will be exact replicas of those to be found in the Vatican gardens.

To Raise Funds

A few earnest retreatants have voluntarily formed themselves into a committee, whose sole purpose is to raise funds for the help of the retreat house. This committee sent a letter to every man who has ever been here on retreat, explaining the situation and inviting cooperation.

Fr. Stack to Convention

Father Joseph R. Stack, who as State Chaplain of the K. of C., California jurisdiction, has been tireless in his efforts to interest the Knights officially in the retreat movement, was this year sent as a delegate to the supreme convention with a view to bringing the matter to the attention of the supreme directorate Delegates from several other states carry a like commission and doubtless some action will be taken which will insure a larger attendance of Knights at the retreats.

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Manresa Hall

New Tertians

The Tertians at Manresa Hall for this year are: Fathers Joseph Balfe, Paul Callens (N. O.), Wm. Donnelly, Ignatius Dumbeck, Wm. Elliott, Frank Fox (N. O.) Fr. Howitt (Canada), Robert Kane. James Kelly (New England), Charles Largan, John Laux, Charles Leahy, James Linden, James McDermott (New England), Harold Ring, Curtis Sharp, Francis Sheerin, Andrew Smith (N. O.).

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Mt. St. Michael's

New Arrivals

The arrival of 37 new Philosophers brings the total of Scholastics in the house to 98. The division by provinces of the first-year men is: California, 18; New Orleans, 15; Upper Canada, 2; New York-Maryland, 2.

Fight Forest Fires

An appeal for assistance from neighbors whose homes were endangered gave the Scholastics the experience of fighting forest fires in Biglow Gulch, where a substantial blaze was sweeping menacingly through the timber. Three such excursions were made during August.

New Professors Added

Father James F. Donovan replaces Father William Donnelly as professor of Logic and Ontology. Father Donnelly goes to tertianship. Mr. Maurice Flaherty of Gonzaga conducts weekly classes in education for the first and third year men.

Academies Begin

September saw the opening of the various instructive academies. The Debating society, under the direction of Mr. Lawrence O'Neil, opened the year with an inter-class debate between the second and third years, in the form of a mock trial. Mr. Patrick J. Holloran and Mr. Joseph C. Mulhern, counsels for the defense, represented the third year; Mr. Louis J. Hatrel and Mr. John F. Giambastiani, second year philosophers, were the prosecutors for the state.

'Robert Hugh Benson" was the title of the opening paper of the Eng-

lish Academy by Mr. Neil P. McManus, the first of a series on "Catholic Writers and Catholic Literature."

"Scholasticism and Some Present Tendencies in Philosophy," comprises the scope of the monthly conferences of the Academy of Philosophy for the year 1928-1929. Mr. Holloran's paper on, "The Influence of Descartes on Modern Philosophy," on September 16 began the series of conferences.

New Buildings in Province

With Bellarmine college completed in Tacoma and the splendid new Brophy college in Phoenix ready for its first sessions, the building program of the province was carried on during the summer months with an energy that promised the early completion of several educational and church structures in both north and south.

Construction of a new high school to replace the old frame building hurriedly put up as temporary educational quarters after the fire of 1906, was begun this fall in San Francisco, while similar erection of the first unit of the proposed Loyola university group of buildings and a week's intensive drive to finance the educational program in Los Angeles are reported in the daily press. Meanwhile, a beautiful new church is in process of building by our Fathers in Seattle, and plans are being perfected for a similar edifice in Santa Barbara.

St. Ignatius High

Construction of the new $300,000 St. Ignatius high school in San Francisco is already under way. The preliminary excavation work has been completed, and the foundations for the building will be laid within the next few weeks. The contract for the building was let to Barret & Hilp for $270,000. Equipment and additional expenditures will increase the sum total by several thousand.

The new prep. school, west of St. Ignatius field, will face Stanyan street and will occupy nearly the whole block between McAllister and Turk. It will have a frontage of 204 feet on Stanyan street and 75 feet on Turk.

Ten months will be required to complete the buildings. It will be occupied with the opening of the fall semester next year, Rev. Father Edward J. Whelan, president of St. Ignatius college, announces.

Classical Type

The school will be built along classical lines in harmony with the church and the liberal arts building. Edward A. Eames of San Francisco, formerly associated with McGinnis and Walsh, well known Boston architects, has planned the building so it will embody the latest features in educational buildings, and when it is completed it will be the finest and most modern high school in northern California.

Loud Speakers in Rooms

Chief among the innovations will be a loud speaker in every room. The loud speakers will connect with the principal's office and will enable the principal to speak at any time to all the students without leaving his office. The loud speakers will also be connected to a radio so that it will be possible for the pupils to hear the acceptance speech of a presidential candidate, or the inauguration of a president without leaving their desks.

Will Accommodate Thousand

The new St. Ignatius high school will amply accommodate 1000 students. It will contain 35 class rooms, besides the regular building and administration offices, physics and chemistry laboratories, mechanical and free hand drawing rooms, library, assembly hall, chapel, cafeteria, bookstore and a gymnasium.

The main floor of the gym will be 60x102 feet from which a grandstand will slope up, accommodating 1500 spectators. It will contain 700 lockers, showers, rooms for visiting teams and coach's rooms.

Seattle Edifice Begun

With the excavation work for the new St. Joseph's church nearly completed, the construction of the magnificent new edifice is to be begun in the very near future, according to an announcement in the "Catholic Northwest Progress" of Seattle. The

church will occupy the site of the old St. Joseph's at 18th Ave. N. and East Aloha St. It will be of the Gothic style of architecture and will be surmounted by a campanile. When completed it will be one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical buildings in the west. The new St. Joseph's is being constructed under the direction of Father Wm. J. Deeney.

Bellarmine College Opened

Attended by a large crowd of citizens from Tacoma and outlying districts, the formal dedication of Bellarmine college took place on Sunday, September 23. Bishop O'Dea of Seattle officiated, giving the dedicatory address. Rev. Father Provincial, General Michael J. Lenihan, commandant of Fort Lewis, and the Hon. S. A. Gagliardi, an alumnus of St. Leo's and Mayor Melville G. Tennant gave addresses on the occasion.

The Fort Lewis band and St. Leo's choir furnished music for the event. After the ceremonies the building was thrown open for the inspection of the public.

Modern School Building

The first unit of the college, housing the administration offices, class rooms, library, chapel and gymnasium, which has been in course of construction for the past eight months, is a model of modern ideas in school design. It is of brick and concrete construction, with hardwood floors in school rooms and offices, and is two stories in height.

Gymnasium and Cafeteria

There are nine large class rooms, chemistry and physics laboratories of the most modern design, equipped with every convenience, including stock rooms, dark rooms, etc. The library is at present located in one of the larger class rooms and the assembly room for the present will be used as a chapel.

The indoor gymnasium has floor space of 60 by 100 feet, with hardwood floor, shower rooms, lockers and property rooms for home and visiting teams. Outdoor athletic features will include two football gridirons, basketball grounds and two handball alleys. A cafeteria for the serving of noonday lunches has been prepared for the accommodation of students. Good car service is provided to the college grounds, both by the American Lake and 12th Street car lines running close by.

The building is beautifully located on a twenty-acre site at 23rd Street and South Union Avenue. The building just completed is the first unit of the complete group which will finally rise on the grounds and which will form one of the outstanding Catholic schools of the northwest.

Loyola Acquires Title

Meanwhile, the building program of Loyola university in Los Angeles received added impetus by the acquisition of a clear title to 100 acres of land for a campus site in the Del Rey hills. According to the "Tidings," the Los Angeles diocesan paper, the acquisition was made possible by a syndicate of land owners not one of whom is a Catholic.

City-wide Drive Planned

Coincident with the commencement of excavation work on the new faculty building, the secular and religious press carried notices of a $4,000,000 drive which will be inaugurated to finance the building program at Loyola. The dates for the campaign, it is stated, have been set for October 4-17. Meanwhile, civic leaders representing all interests and led by Louis B. Myers, former chief justice of the California supreme court, are working daily to obtain substantial subscriptions.

The Loyola college publication for September 17 announces a concerted movement by students and alumni of the school to raise $175,000 as their share of the sum total sought. It is likewise reported that the handsome donation of $100,000 has been made to Loyola by E. L. Doheny, California oil magnate.

Hollywood Church Dedicated

Earlier in the summer, on June 3, the new church of the Blessed Sacrament at Hollywood, one of the finest ecclesiastical structures in Los Angeles diocese, was dedicated with a solemnity that attracted many representatives of the clergy and laity from all parts of the southrn California country. The walls of the stately new edifice were blessed by the Rt. Rev. John Mitty, bishop of Salt Lake, who officiated at the dedication and sang the pontifical High Mass. Bishop Cantwell had previously been called to the bedside of his dying mother in Ireland.

Many Attend Ceremonies

The officiating prelate was assisted by Msgr.. George Donahue, pastor of Sacred Heart church. Monsignori and a large number of visiting clergy from every parish in the city crowded the sanctuary, while a special contingent of fourth degree Knights of Columbus in full regalia added to the pageantry of the ceremony.

Before a congregation that packed the lofty new structure to the doors, Father Dennis J. Kavanaugh, giving the dedicatory sermon, traced the history of the first Catholic missionary activity in that region and the first Mass said there by Fra Junipero Serra. He inferred that the original name of the famous movie colony of Hollywood must have been Holy Wood, since a tradition thus perpetuates the memory of the first Mass said on the feast of the Holy Wood of the Cross, more than 150 years ago.

The New Blessed Sacrament church was 15 months in building, ground having been first broken on March 13, 1927.

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Novena for Fr. Weibel

Only a miracle, it is reported, can save the life of Father George F. Weibel, who is in a critical condition at the Sacred Heart hospital with an infected leg. Amputation is being contemplated by the attending physicians. Meanwhile, the students of Gonzaga university, the Scholastics and Fathers of Mount St. Michael's, and the many friends of Father Weibel are joining in a novena to the Little Flower to secure his convalescence. Father Weibel particularly requested the doctors to postpone the amputation until the novena had been made, trusting that the prayers of his many friends might be successful in saving the limb.

A cut in his right foot, received while the Father was doing parochial work at Chewelah, Wash., this summer, soon became infected, and within a short time necessitated diligent hospital treatment. His condition became so serious at one time that the Last Sacraments were administered; but, upon the patient's rallying, hope was held out of saving not only the Father's life but the infected leg as well. Since then, however, little improvement has been noticed.

Record For Law Exams.

Seven Gonzaga men, the entire graduating class of the law school, successfully passed the bar examinations held at Olympia. Gonzaga is the only law school in the Northwest to score a hundred per cent record in the examinations.

In the Gonzaga class were: Justin C. Maloney, Robert Waldron, Casey Tillman, John F. Caldwell, B. A. Farley, George W. Young, Edwin R. Spahn and William E. DuPuis. Most of these will enter practice in Spokane.

Lectures on Mass

Father Patrick Joye, the new chaplain, is giving a series of illustrated lectures on the ceremonies of the Mass to the high school student body during their assembly hour on Thursday. The close attention given by the students is indicative of their appreciation of these talks. Mr. Jung operates the lantern.

High School Opens

With 362 students already registered, an unusually large enrollment, Gonzaga high school began its classes on September 6. According to Father Henry J. Vrebosch, principal, the majority of the high school boys are taking the classical course, with Greek a more popular subject than ever and the sciences a close second. There is a noticeably flagging interest in the commercial branches. This is a hopeful indication, the principal reports, of a return on the part of the students to the more substantial courses in secondary education.

Classroom Renovations

The reopening of the fall sessions found substantial renovations in the high school. The classrooms and corridors had been re-kalsomined during the summer and the floors newly painted, giving the high school department a lighter and fresher appearance.

Sodalities Reorganized

Father John Buschor, professor of mathematics, has reorganized the two high school sodalities. The senior division is composed of third and fourth year students, the junior division of boys from the classes of the first two years.

Sacred Heart Novitiate

First Vows

On July 16, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 15 novices pronounced their first vows. Three weeks later, on August 5, they were followed by nine more. On September 8, two more, and on September 10, one more, were admitted to their first vows, thereby increasing the number of Juniors to 63, three of whom are second-year men from the New Orleans Province.

New Novices Arrive

The year's total of new novices thus far is 41, 11 of whom entered on July 15, 22 on August 2 and 8 since September 1. Of these 11 are from San Francisco: Vincent Casey, William O'Farrell, Joseph Lenahan, John Robinson, Richard Nasser, James Marvin, John Martin, Charles Cassassa, Paul Harvey, Raymond Prendiville, and Raymond Sprague; seven are from Los Angeles: William Holther, Alphonsus Domachowski, Gerald Maher, Alfred Kilp, Gerald Nagle, Lane Guthrie and Mr. Schmidt; three are from Gonzaga: John Q. Adams, Ervin Marshall, and Bernard O'Rourke; two from Seattle: Paul Kaiser and Van Christoph; two from Yakima: Robert Bickford and Adolph Bischoff; two from Portland: Edwin Flatland and M. Marquart; Nate Bacigalupi, from Santa Clara; Gerald Faber, College Park; Charles Reger, Missoula; Creighton Crowley, Omaha; James Kenedy, Ireland; Louis St. Marie, Crokston; Martin Borbeck, Great Falls; Vincent Conway, Wallace; John Dempsey, Tacoma; Roland Reed, Oakland; Harold Greif, Uniontown; Clifford Carroll, Spokane. Brother Henicka, a coadjutor novice, arrived from the Mount, where he had made the greater part of his postulancy.

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Gonzaga University

College Registration

Approximately 325 students are registered in the collegiate and university courses. The day courses began on September 16, with the night school opening a week later. Night subjects include law, finance, business administration, and arts and sciences (Freshman). The Saturday school will increase the enrollment.

Mass of the Holy Ghost

On September 27 the students of Gonzaga university, Gonzaga high school, and the students of the Holy Names' Academy assisted at the mass of the Holy Ghost in St. Aloysius church. Father Louis B. Egan, dean of the university, was celebrant, Father Henry J. Vrebosh, principal of the high school, deacon, Father Patrick Joye, student advisor, subdeacon. Father Condon of the Cathedral parish preached the sermon.

New Parish Home

Father Michael O'Malley, pastor of St. Aloysius Church, has taken up living quarters in the large house standing on the recently purchased property in Heath's addition. Two new class rooms have been equipped to accomodate the overflow in St. Aloysius' parochial school. In addition, one of the parlors has been made into a chapel.

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New Chemistry

Two necessary improvements have been made in the college department. A new chemistry laboratory has been installed under the direction of Father James A. Gilmore, professor of chemistry, and equipped with all the latest apparatus. The old chemistry lecture room will be furnished to accomodate the "Bulletin" and "Gonzaga Quarterly."

To facilitate the work of the president, a suite of rooms has been fitted out for him on the second floor. The "bishop's room," which is outside the enclosure, is now the office room in which extern visitors are received, while the room immediately connected with it, but within the enclosure, is the office in which Rev. Father Rector receives Ours.

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Seattle: Immaculate

New Church Decorations

Extensive improvements are being made in the Immaculate Conception church, which when completed will make the church one of the most beautiful in the city. The interior is being redecorated in tones of cream, soft browns, gold and blue. The woodwork will also be entirely refinished. The work, which was begun several weeks ago, will be completed within the next month.

The big organ is being entirely

overhauled in preparation for the resumption of High Mass.

Parish Organizations

Father William E. Bennett has been appointed moderator of the Ladies' sodality and the Bona Mors confraternity; Father Edwin Sprague is director of the Holy Names society and Father Robert V. Burns is moderator of the Altar society and the parish conference of the St. Vincent de Paul society.

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St. Ignatius College

Dramatics Season Planned

Dramatics will occupy an important place in the student activities of the college.

As a first step in the inauguration of a greater "little theatre" movement at St. Ignatius, Mr. James J. Gill, formerly of Loyola college, Los Angeles, was obtained for the office of director of dramatics. He promises to bring the college to the front in the drama with one play each month in the college Little Theatre and two major productions is downtown theaters during the course of the year.

Among the six or eight major plays to be given during the next ten months will be numbered such successes as "White Collars" and "The Show-off."

New Evening Courses

The Evening Division of St. Ignatius college, comprising the collegs of law and commerce and the college extension, has been considerably enlarged this year with the inauguration of a graduate year in law and the introduction of several technical courses.

In addition to the regular four-year undergraduate curriculum, a fifth year of legal study is now offeed leading to a graduate law degree. Admission is restricted to graduates of approved law schools and to a limited number of other students interested in special subjects. Admiralty law, conflict of laws, federal procedure, history of law, philosophy of jurisprudence and international law will be the subjects covered.

A four-year course in various business subjects of college grade, leading to the certificate in commerce, is offered by the department of commerce and finance.

In the extension division, courses are being opened in English literature, political science, elementary law, history, sociology, French, Spanish, Italian, German, logic, philosophy, public speaking and dramatic expression.

Technical subjects include chemistry, mathematics, drafting, gas engines. There is also a two-year prelegal course for students preparing to take the course in law.

There will be a class of religious inquiry, in which the "question box" system and class discussion will be used, and a course of Christian apologetics, with a scientific study of the Church.

Large Spiritual Bouquet

On the invitation of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament, New York, the Ladies sodality of St. Ignatius church, with whom were joined numerous pious lay people and religions, have formed a spirtual bouquet, consisting of 2,643,853 acts of piety and good works for the success of the present Eucharistic Congress.

Annual Retreat Held

For the three days, September 11, 12 and 13, the entire student body made its annual retreat. The exercises consisted of Mass, instruction, Rosary, The Way of the Cross, and Benediction.

The upper classmen received their instructions from Father John McCummiskey; those of the lower section were under the charge of Father Edwin McFadden.

Sanctuary Boys Reorganized

Mr. William Huesman has been reappointed head of the high school Sanctuary society. The altar boys held their annual election on September 7.

Sodality Has Retreat

The Ladies' sodality, one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in San Francisco, held its annual retreat at St. Ignatius church. Retreat instructions were given by Fathers Zacheus J. Maher, Henry Walsh, and Richard A. Gleeson.

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Tacoma

Retreat For Women

Twenty-one women followed the retreat given at Visitation Villa, July 30-August 2, by Father Francis Gleeson. The retreatants showed great fervor, and observed strictly

the silence of the retreat. Father Gleeson's instructions were a source of real inspiration to those under his care. The retreat ended on the morning of August 2, with a general communion, the renewal of Baptismal vows, and the imparting of the papal benediction.

Parish Bazaar Planned

October 26 to November 3 have been fixed as the dates for the annual bazaar. Preparations are being pushed rapidly ahead to make it a great success.

Faculty Appointments

The faculty of Bellarmine College will include Father John McAstocker, director of studies and discipline; Father Joseph J. Lynch, English, Latin, religion and dramatics; Father Francis Gleeson, Spanish, Latin, religion; Mr. Alexander Tourigny, English, Latin, journalism, moderator of student publication; Mr. Timothy Glancey, mathematics, Latin, director of students' library and debating; William B. Hardie, science, mathematics and head athletic coach; John Heinrich, history, civics, economics, director of junior athletic activities.

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Obituary

Brother John Schwertfeger

Requiem Mass was sung at St. Aloysius church Monday morning, August 27, at 8 o'clock for Brother John Schwertfeger, 72, sacristan of the church since its inception and connected with Gonzaga university for the last 41 years. The brother died Friday morning, August 24, at Sacred Heart hospital following a week's illness.

On the morning of Sunday, August 26, the remains of Brother Schwertfeger were brought into the church at the end of the eleven o'clock mass. The parishioners, who had been informed, filled every space of the large auditorium, and many a sob was heard giving testimony to the love and esteem in which the good Brother was held. The body lay in state the whole afternoon and evening. At 7:30 p. m. the church was again filled with pious worshippers during the chanting of the office of the dead. On Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock the simple and impressive funeral service took place.

Father James J. Rebmann, first president of Gonzaga university, was the celebrant of the Requiem Mass. The sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Charles D. White, Bishop of Spokane. At the same time Masses were said at both the side altars. Six of our oldest Brothers acted as pall bearers. All the Gonzaga Fathers and Scholastics assisted in the sanctuary. Interment was in the cemetery of Mount St. Michael's scholasticate. The requiem was sung by Mt. St. Michael's choir.

Brother Schwertfeger came to Gonzaga 41 years ago direct from Holland, his native land. He held the record for continuous service at the university. He was an intimate of the pioneer priests of this vicinity, including the late Father Joseph M. Cataldo, founder of Gonzaga. For four decades the brother has been noted for his kindliness and efficiency.

"He died as he had lived," said one of the Fathers at Gonzaga, who had known him intimately for many years, "quietly, gently, unassumingly, with a smile on his lips and a prayer in his heart." For many years he had fulfilled the office of sacristan in St. Aloysius' church, and during all those years he had invariably edified both Ours and the people of the parish by his deep humility, his unbroken cheerfulness, his unselfish charity, his sincere and simple piety, and his untiring fidelity to duty. In a word, his whole life was a perpetual sermon to those who came in contact with him. His death was and still is deeply felt by all."

So far as is known he has no surviving relatives.